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List of Abbreviations

Abbreviation	**Full Form**
AQI	Air Quality Index
Art.	Article (of the Constitution)
CO	Carbon Monoxide
CPCB	Central Pollution Control Board
CSE	Centre for Science and Environment
Et al.	Et alia / And others
Etc.	And the rest
Kg	Kilogram
Govt.	Government
NCAP	National Clean Air Programme
NH_3	Ammonia
NGT	National Green Tribunal
NO_2	Nitrous Dioxide
O_3	Ozone
PM2.5	Particulate Matter (particles with diameter ≤ 2.5 micrometers)
PM10	Particulate Matter (particles with diameter ≤ 10 micrometers)
RSPCB	Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board
SC	Supreme Court
SCC	Supreme Court Cases
Sec.	Section (of a statute)
SO_2	Sulphur Dioxide
SPCBs	State Pollution Control Boards

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2. *Anubhav Kumar v. Union of India*, Writ Petition (Civil) No. 13029 of 1985 (SC)
3. *B.L. Wadhera v. Union of India*, (1996) 2 SCC 594
4. *Bombay Environmental Action Group v. State of Maharashtra*, (2006) 3 SCC 434
5. *Chhetriya Pardushan Mukti Sangharsh Samiti v. State of Uttar Pradesh*, (1990) 4 SCC 449
6. *Consumer Education and Research Centre v. Union of India*, (1995) 3 SCC 42
7. *Deepak Nitrite Ltd. v. State of Gujarat*, (2004) 6 SCC 402
8. *Essar Oil Ltd. v. Halar Utkarsh Samiti*, (2004) 2 SCC 392
9. *Goa Foundation v. Konkan Railway Corporation*, (1992) Supp (2) SCC 536
10. *Hinch Lal Tiwari v. Kamala Devi*, (2001) 6 SCC 496
11. *Indian Council for Enviro-Legal Action v. Union of India*, (1996) 3 SCC 212
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14. *M.C. Mehta v. Union of India*, (1991) 2 SCC 137
15. *M.C. Mehta v. Union of India*, (1997) 2 SCC 353
16. *M.I. Builders Pvt. Ltd. v. Radhey Shyam Sahu*, (1999) 6 SCC 464
17. *Murli S. Deora v. Union of India*, (2001) 8 SCC 765
18. *Narmada Bachao Andolan v. Union of India*, (2000) 10 SCC 664
19. *Rural Litigation and Entitlement Kendra v. State of Uttar Pradesh*, AIR 1985 SC 652
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TITLE

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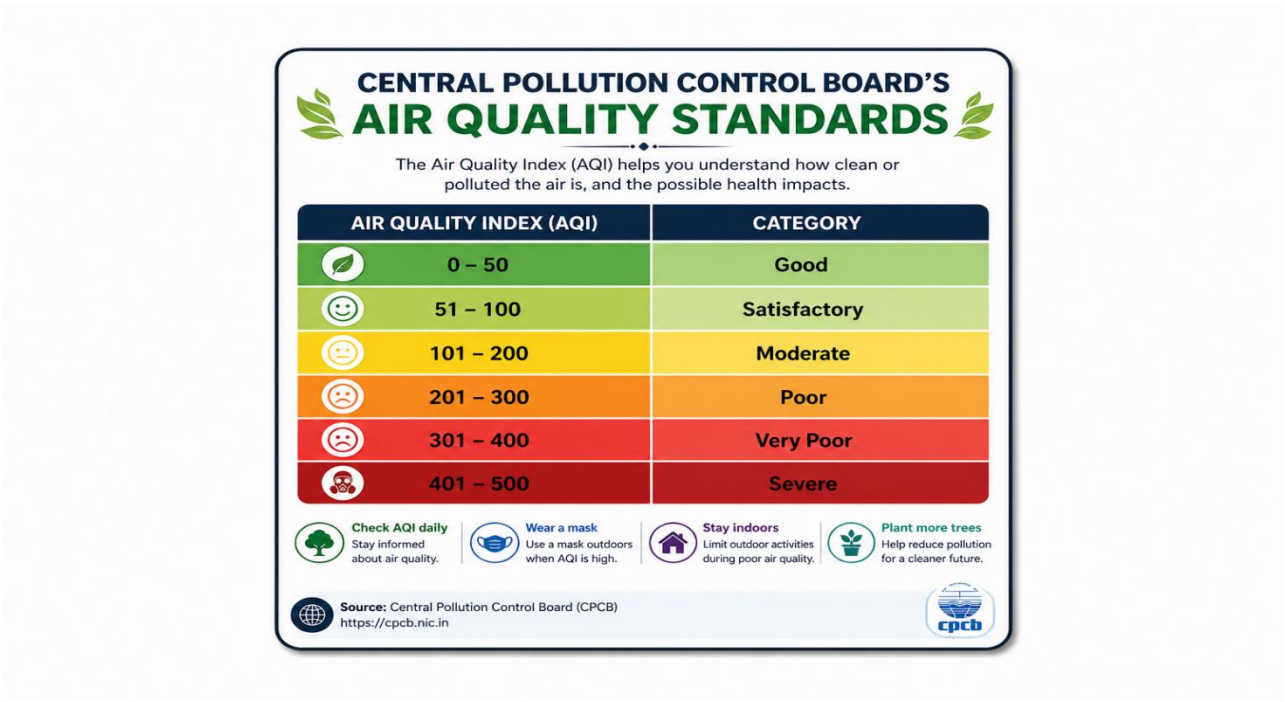
Abstract

Air pollution in India has emerged as one of the most important environmental and public health issues with unparalleled effects on human health, ecological equilibrium, and economic sustainability. The state of Air Quality in Rajasthan has been depicting an overall downward trend in quality levels over the past few years, even though the industrial concentration in the region is relatively lower than in other states. The fast urbanization, vehicle emission, industrialization, mining, construction dust, and natural causes like desert dust storms have all contributed towards the rise in the levels of particulate matter (PM2.5 and PM10) after all. India has an elaborate environmental law that seeks to regulate and avert air pollution. The major laws like the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, The National Green Tribunal Act, 2010, Rajasthan Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Rules, 1983 and the regulatory authorities like the Central Pollution Control Board, and State Pollution Control Boards, are the pillars of environmental control. Also, judicial interventions have enhanced enforcement by giving instructions, oversight and creativity of policies. Nevertheless, even with the presence of such laws and institutions, the levels of the Air Quality Index (AQI) in Rajasthan often remain at a level of poor and very poor, which also makes one wonder how effective the current mechanisms are. This implies that there is disparity between law and its practice. The objective of the research will be to carry out a detailed analytical and empirical analysis of the role of air pollution laws and controlling bodies in enhancing the level of AQI, in Rajasthan. Through a combination of theological legal studies and the use of empirical field work, the paper aims at determining structural, procedural, and institutional issues, gauge stakeholder attitudes, and recommend fact-based reforms to elevate environmental regulation.

Keywords: Air Pollution Regulation; Air Quality Index (AQI); Environmental Governance; Regulatory Institutions; Environmental Law in Rajasthan

1. INTRODUCTION:

Air pollution has become one of the most urgent environmental and health issues of the twenty first century, especially in the fast industrializing and urbanizing world of countries like India. The decline of the quality of ambient air has ceased to be a local ecological problem, but a systemic governance problem in the past few decades, involving legal structures, regulatory bodies, and technological mechanisms, as well as socio-economic activities.[1] The growing dependence on the Air Quality Index (AQI) as a standard measure of the pollution level indicates the transition to the data-based environmental administration. The AQI combines several pollutants (particulate matter (PM2.5 and PM10), nitrogen dioxide, sulphur dioxide, ozone, and carbon monoxide) into a single, understandable unit that describes environmental conditions as well as the health hazards.[2] This is why AQI is not only a scientific tool but also a regulatory benchmark with the help of which the performance of environmental laws and institutions can be evaluated. The Air Quality Index (AQI), developed by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), categorizes air quality into six graded levels:



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The severity of the air pollution crisis in India is supported by the presence of high levels of AQI permanently in big cities and industrial areas.[3] It has been noted in various studies that India is home to some of the most polluted cities in the world and the pollution levels are often above the standards of the national and international safety standards.[4] This phenomenon has a complex set of causes, including automobile emissions, industrial drain, construction works, burning of agricultural lands, and high-speed urbanization.[5] Further aggravating factors include the meteorological and geographical factors, especially in the northern area of India where the presence of temperature inversions and slow wind speeds cause pollutants to hang near the ground. Consequently, AQI frequently rises to very poor or severe levels particularly in the winter, which is dangerous to human health, biodiversity, and the quality of life.

Indian legal system has reacted to this crisis by a holistic approach of constitutional provisions, statutory enactments, judicial intercessions, and policy initiatives. The constitutional justification to environmental protection is based on Article 21, Article 48A, and Article 51A(g) that comprehensively acknowledge the right to a healthy environment and provide responsibilities to the State and the citizens.[6] The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, and the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986,The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and The Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, The National Green Tribunal Act, 2010, Rajasthan Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Rules, 1983 are some of the regulatory laws of air pollution that are statutory.[7] These are complemented by institutional means including the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) and the State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs), which are charged with the role of monitoring, enforcement and implementation of policy. The judicial activism, especially in the Supreme Court and the National Green Tribunal, has also increased the strength of the environmental governance by increasing the breadth of rights and accountability over time.[8]

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[6] Meena, J. P. (2023). Protection of environment as a fundamental duty. In *Relevance of Duties in the Contemporary World: With Special Emphasis on Gandhian Thought* (pp. 295-304). Singapore: Springer Nature Singapore.
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In spite of this complex system of legal and institutional frameworks, the ongoing presence of elevated AQI rates casts serious doubts as to the efficiency of the current regulatory instruments. Empirical data indicate that some policies have been partially successful, including the decreases in total suspended particulates, but did not always translate into decreases in more dangerous forms of pollution, including PM2.5, or even to mortality caused by pollution. This lack of relationship between the purpose of regulations and the results of environmental conditions highlights the necessity of a structured analysis of the success of air pollution regulations and organizations.[9] It also emphasizes the need to transform beyond the study of doctrine to include practical methodologies that can measure actual effects.

This case of Rajasthan state is a particularly interesting one in terms of such an inquiry. Being traditionally perceived as a less industrialized state than others of India, Rajasthan has experienced a tremendous economic growth, urbanization and infrastructural development in the recent years. The cities like Jaipur, Kota, Bhiwadi, Bikaner and Alwar have witnessed growing levels of pollution as a result of higher vehicle density, industries, mining, and construction.[10] Evidence shows that our city AQI levels are often in the range of the so-called moderate to poor, and in some areas, even very poor, when it is time to be on the highest level due to pollution.[11] Moreover, research carried out in places such as Alwar indicates that although there are measures to control air pollution as a national programme initiative, like the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP), there are still issues of ensuring sustainability in air quality improvements.

Rising pollution in Rajasthan is reducing the average lifespan of over 8 crore state residents.[12] In Jaipur, clean air is available for only 20 days a year. Fine particles in toxic air are reaching not only the lungs but also the blood vessels in the brain, increasing the risk of kidney damage.[13]

[9] Jiménez-Parra, B., Alonso-Martínez, D., & Godos-Díez, J. L. (2018). The influence of corporate social responsibility on air pollution: Analysis of environmental regulation and eco-innovation effects. *Corporate Social Responsibility and Environmental Management*, *25*(6), 1363-1375.

[10] Vashishtha, A. Impacts of Transportation Infrastructure on Urban Air Quality in Jaipur Metro City.

[11] Kassomenos, P. A., Kelessis, A., Petrakakis, M., Zoumakis, N., Christidis, T., & Paschalidou, A. K. (2012). Air quality assessment in a heavily polluted urban Mediterranean environment through air quality indices. *Ecological indicators*, *18*, 259-268.

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[13] Ali, M. U., Lin, S., Yousaf, B., Abbas, Q., Munir, M. A. M., Rashid, A., & Wong, M. H. (2022). Pollution characteristics, mechanism of toxicity and health effects of the ultrafine particles in the indoor environment: Current status and future perspectives. *Critical Reviews in Environmental Science and Technology*, *52*(3), 436-473.

The startling findings come from the latest National Clean Air Program (NCAP) report. According to the report, every resident of Jaipur loses an average of 3 years, 10 months, and 24 days of life due to polluted air out of 4 and half year.[14]

Between January 1, 2021, and March 31, 2025, Jaipur recorded air quality in the 'Poor' to 'Very Poor' category for 450 out of 1,550 days, roughly one-third of the time. Prolonged exposure to such levels can lead to respiratory and heart diseases.

Under the NCAP, funds are released to reduce particulate matter in the air. Surprisingly, over 60% of the budget in Rajasthan cities is spent only on preventing dust on roads and sprinkling water, while pollution is primarily caused by industrial emissions, which received just 0.8% of the budget. In Jaipur, Rs 344.7 crore was spent on improving air quality. Despite this, PM10 levels remain a concern.

According to IQAir 2026, World Air Quality Report, India is home to 66 out of the 100 most polluted cities in the world.[15] The Lancet Planetary Health report has found that over 50 percent of deaths attributed to air pollution in India occur in just five Indian States.[16] This suggests that customised, sub-national strategies are equally important as national-level policies.

Disease Study 2019, Rajasthan is amongst the six Indian states having the highest per capita economic loss due to air pollution.[17] In the last two years, the state recorded the highest death rate per 100,000 population due to air pollution.

The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has identified 124 cities as "non-attainment cities" - i.e., they have failed to meet the prescribed standards on air pollution. Five of these 122 cities are in Rajasthan: Jaipur, Jodhpur, Kota, Alwar, and Udaipur.[18] Their levels of PM10 and PM2.5 are higher than prescribed limits. Bhiwadi, has also been identified as a hotspot

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[15] Air, I. Q. (2026). World air quality report. *Region & city PM2*, *5*.
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[18] Central Pollution Control Board, *List of Non-Attainment Cities under National Clean Air Programme (NCAP)*, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India (updated 2023–2024); see also Government of India, Press Information Bureau, *National Clean Air Programme Progress and Targets*, 23 March 2023

primarily because of its being a hub for many polluting industries.[19] Other hotspots are likely to be identified in the state if monitoring facilities were improved.

AQI Trend Analysis (India & Rajasthan)

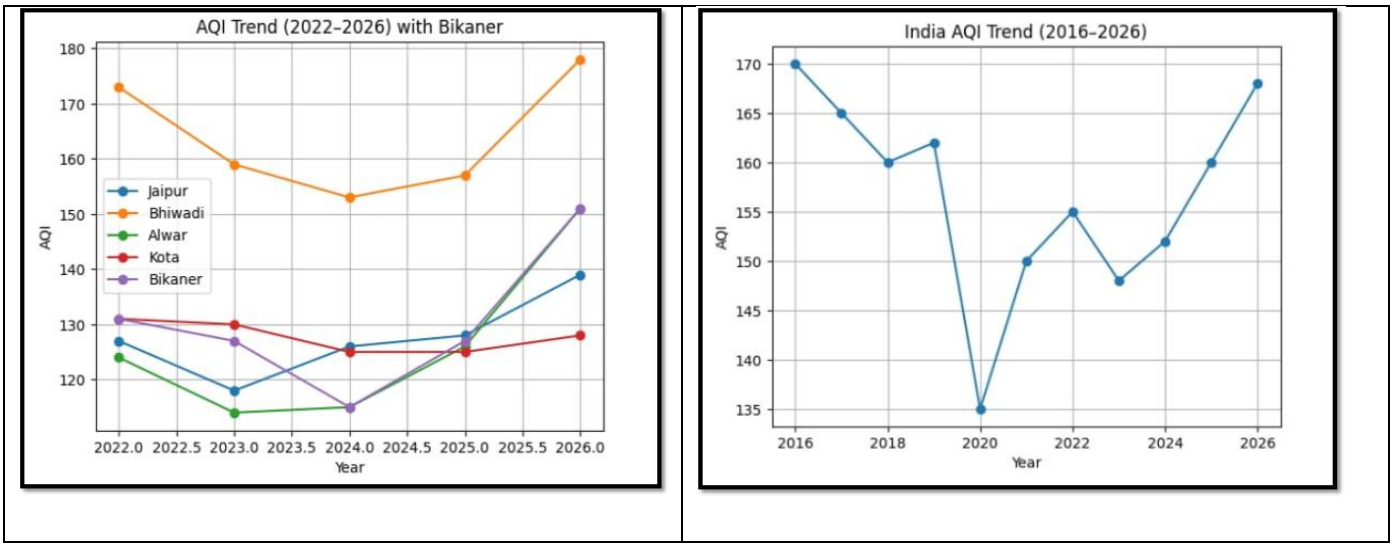

Image Source: AQI.in

The reason why the environmental challenges in Rajasthan are complicated is because of the unique geographical and climatic conditions of this place. The dry and semi-dry terrain, accompanied by the frequent dust storms and the sparse vegetation cover, causes the high percentage of particulate matter in the atmosphere. Moreover, the fact that the state uses rather traditional energy source, as well as insufficient waste management methods, adds to the pollution levels. The wider environmental effects of poor air quality have also been demonstrated by introduction of urbanization near such cities as Jaipur which had adverse effects on ecological systems including the wildlife.[20] These aspects contribute to making Rajasthan a significant location to study the connection of natural conditions, human activities and regulatory interventions.

Compared to other regions, the role and performance of air pollution laws and institutions in Rajasthan may be assessed in connection with the national tendencies and international experiences. Countries worldwide have embraced various regulatory methods both in the market mechanisms, technological solutions, and decentralized models of governance as a way

[19] Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air, *Tracing the Hazy Air 2024: Progress Report on National Clean Air Programme (NCAP)*, 2024; see also *Tracing the Hazy Air 2025* (CREA, 2025)
[20] Huda, R. K., Kumar, P., Gupta, R., Sharma, A. K., Toteja, G. S., & Babu, B. V. (2024). Air quality monitoring using low-cost sensors in urban areas of Jodhpur, Rajasthan. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, *21*(5), 623.

of combating air pollution.[21] Conversely, India has been conservative in its approach, where it has depended on command and control rules to take effect, complemented by courts oversight and policy measures. Although it has had some successes, this framework has also been criticized to have some problems like poor enforcement, institutional capacity, poor coordination among agencies and poor public participation. The comparison between the state of Rajasthan and more industrialized states, or even India and other countries, may offer good information regarding the advantages and weaknesses of various regulatory frameworks.[22]

The study, therefore, aims at providing an analytical and empirical review of the suitability of air pollution regulations and regulatory bodies in enhancing the level of AQIs, particularly in Rajasthan. The analytical part is a critical assessment of legal frameworks, institutional structures, and policy tools whereas the empirical part is concerned with measuring their real effect on air quality with the help of AQI data and other indicators of this kind. The research seeks to fill the gap between law in theory and law in practice by blending doctrinal and empirical approaches to research.

This research is noteworthy because it can be used in scholarly research and in policy making. Academically, it contributes to the interdisciplinary study of environmental law by including empirical research and concentrating on quantifiable results like AQI. Politically, it offers evidence based information, which could be used to design and implement superior regulatory policies. As a part of Rajasthan, the study will be able to recognize the region-specific challenges and opportunities, thus helping to develop the region-specific solutions to the air quality improvement.

To sum up, the escalating situation with air pollution in India as it is expressed in the worsened AQI rates demands a critical evaluation of the current legal and institutional frameworks. The state of Rajasthan, with its peculiar environmental, economic and regulatory conditions, is a promising subject of such assessment. Through analytical and empirical approaches, this study aims at contributing to the greater objective of establishing sustainable environmental control and provision of fundamental right to clean air.

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[22] Anand, K. (2022). The assessment of challenges and risks associated with practicing green transformation of the construction industry in Rajasthan, India.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW:

1. **Goswami et al. (2025)**, in their study titled "*Pollution and Public Health: The Role of Education in Building a Sustainable Future*" examined the relationship of environmental pollution, human health, and education in relation to awareness in sustainable development. It is argued in the paper that behavioural change which can be manipulated using environmental education will lead to reduction in pollution and health improvement. It also shows the fact that educated citizens are more likely to be able to commit and follow ecological laws. The need to incorporate the environmental literacy into the policy frames is another theme that the authors focus on. The work can be applied to understand the social component of air pollution management in particular the way that the participation and education of the population can enhance the efficiency of the regulatory agencies.
2. **Kumar (2025)**, in his study titled "*An Empirical Study on Examining the Effectiveness of Environmental Policies in Promoting Sustainable Economic Growth in India*" demonstrates the quality of environmental policies in India to guarantee sustainable economic growth. The impacts of regulatory frameworks on environmental effects and economic growth are determined using empirical evidence. It infers that the balanced growth-sustainability can be achieved through the well-designed policies, nevertheless, their success heavily depends on both their implementation and institutional ability. According to the study, there are inconsistencies in various areas, and the gaps in the implementation. The publication is relevant in the evaluation of air pollution rules since it raises the issue that there is the necessity to align environmental policy with general development goals.
3. **Sharma et al. (2025)**, in their study *"Mitigating air pollution and protecting public health: analyzing the impact of National Clean air Programme in Kota, Rajasthan*" investigated geospatial and statistical analysis of the pollutants in order to analyse air pollution in urban areas and dependence on land surface temperature in semi-arid situations. The research results reveal that there is a high relationship between urban heat patterns and pollutant concentrations, especially PM10,SO_2,NO_2 It underlines how urbanization and change in land use affect the quality of the air. In the study, it is also noted that the incorporation of the spatial analysis in the policy planning and the environmental monitoring is quite crucial. Specifically, this work makes much sense to

Rajasthan since it offers the understanding of the interaction between geographical and climatic factors and pollution rates

4. **Pandaya et al. (2025)**, in their study titled "*Application of Fuzzy Factor Comparison Method for Evaluation of Key Performance Indicators Affecting Air Quality in India: A Decision Matrix Approach for Mitigating Anthropogenic Pollution Sources*" determined a fuzzy factor comparison approach to assess key performance indicators on air quality in India. The work comes up with an analytical decision-making model that recognizes significant sources of anthropogenic pollution and prioritizes them according to their effects. It highlights the importance of paying attention to interventions that are going to be efficient in the process of controlling pollution. The authors think data-based and multi-criteria approaches can enhance the policy formulation and implementation
5. **Sharma, Choudhary and Mathur (2025), i**n their study titled "*Integrated geospatial and statistical analysis of urban air pollutants (PM10, SO2 and NO2) and their relationships with land surface temperature over a semi-arid environment*" assess impacts of National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) to air quality in Kota, Rajasthan. The fundamental finding in the study is that despite the big strides that the programme is making, it is not having a big impact on the mitigation of pollution. Some challenges that hamper effectiveness include lack of coordination between the agencies, poor implementation, and ineffective monitoring. It emphasizes the need to have more responsible institutions with increased capacity. The article is highly applicable regarding how successful air pollution policies in Rajasthan could be.
6. **IQAir((Rajasthan Air Quality Database),** The information about the tendencies of the AQI and air pollution trends is provided by the IQAir database that contains historical and real-time data on the levels of the air quality in the state of Rajasthan. It raises to the limelight the fact that several cities in the state tend to exhibit moderate to poor air quality with some extreme cases of high ratings. It is through the contribution of motor emissions, industry, and dust of nature that the readings have been attained. This source would be applicable in the empirical analysis since the source could be applied in establishing whether or not AQI improvements have been achieved due to regulatory measures. It also enables other cities and time to be compared.
7. **Huda et al. (2024),** in their study titled "*Air quality monitoring using low-cost sensors in urban areas of Jodhpur, Rajasthan*" explained the use of the cheap sensors to monitor the air quality in the city of Jodhpur, Rajasthan. The study confirms that the

technologies can provide plausible and timely information on the pollution especially in areas where the monitoring systems are not widespread. This publication can be used to enhance the institutional process since better monitoring systems are needed to control the implementation and enforcement of air pollution laws.

8. **Sharma et al. (2024)**,in their study titled "*Mapping air quality trends across 336 cities in India: Insights from three decades of monitoring (1987–2019)"* evaluates thirty years of air quality data to study long-term changes in air quality in 336 Indian cities. The discussion reveals that the pollution levels particularly in the cities and industrial regions are generally increasing. It also poses the question of regional variations and incapability to eliminate the particulate matter as a serious pollutant. The paper draws out the ineffectiveness of the existing regulatory arrangements to reverse the trend of pollution. It requires greater involvement of policy in order to intervene and strengthen enforcement. This research gives a general national background of the assessment of air quality changes and regulatory performance.
9. **Juyal, Naithani and Gangopadhyay (2024), i**n their study titled "*Air quality dynamics in North India. In Climate Crisis and Sustainable Solutions: Strategies for Adaptation, Mitigation and Sustainable Development"* examine the dynamics of air quality in North India with specific reference to the sources of pollutants, seasons, and local trends of the air quality condition. The paper introduces the impact of the meteorological conditions, farming practices as well as factory effluents on the trends of the air quality. It highlights the inter-state nature of pollution meaning that cooperation among the regions is very important in the control of the pollution. The paper also brings out the disadvantages of fragmented policy approaches. The book can be used to understand better the overall effects of the region on air quality that can be generalized in the evaluation of pollution patterns in Rajasthan.
10. **Penumantra et al. (2024)**, in their study titled "*The impact of environmental pollution on human health*" explained the overall impacts that the environmental pollution imposed on human health, which include pollution of air, water, and soil. The research paper describes how exposure to pollutants leads to the development of chronic diseases, decreased immune system, and increased rate of mortality. It lays emphasis on the fact that the health threat related to pollution is cumulative and long term. The authors propose a solution to these effects by proposing stricter environmental laws and improved monitoring methods. This piece of writing raises the issue of why there should be holistic policy interventions and gives credence to the fact that good

environmental governance plays a key role in safeguarding the health of the population in fast developing regions.

11. **Gautam et al. (2024),** In their study titled "*Sustainable Air*" investigates sustainable management of air quality that puts emphasis on the interaction of technology, policy and environmental planning. The new plans of cleaner energy consumption, emission control technology, and intelligent monitoring systems are discussed in the paper. It emphasizes the need to sustainability in combating the air pollution issue in the long run. The authors assume that air quality management is one of the initiatives that should be coordinated and carried out by the government agencies, the industries, and the communities. The work is topical regarding measuring the existing regulatory practice and it gives information regarding how policies directed to the sustainability could increase the level of the AQI in a specific region like Rajasthan.
12. **Upadhyay et al. (2024),** In their study titled "*Sustainability and Health Informatics: A Systems Approach to Address the Climate Action Induced Global Challenge*" discuss the connection between the environmental sustainability and the population health with the direct impact of environmental degradation on the human well-being. The study is systems based, with a focus on the interdependence between climate change and pollution and the result of health. It assumes that the burden of diseases may be significantly decreased and the quality of life may be improved under the condition of sustainable environmental policy. The authors highlight that the introduction of combined governance systems will be carried out, the consolidation of environmental policies and health policy. This study can be used to define the practical significance of the air pollution legislation in the wider context, given that the enhancement of AQI is now placed in the context of sustainable development.
13. **Verma and Bhatia (2024),** In their study titled "*A study of seasonal and temporal variances in ambient air quality of highly polluted cities in Rajasthan*" discuss the difference in air quality across the seasons and time of the day in the most polluted cities in the state of Rajasthan. The research article has given a high fluctuation in the rate of pollution caused by the change in weather, human action, and the geographical area. It also shows times of extreme pollution especially in winter seasons and how particulate matter contributes to worsening of the air quality. The authors reveal that specific interventions in terms of time are required so as to accommodate such variations. The research can be implemented particularly in regards to regional analysis

since it is a source of empirical data on the tendencies of AQI and can be utilized to approximate the effectiveness of regulation in the environment of Rajasthan.

14. **Gul and Das (2023),** In their study titled "*The impacts of air pollution on human health and well-being: A comprehensive review*" comprehended the effects of air pollution on human health and the overall well-being. The research paper is a summary of the other research work done to introduce at the fore the association which exists between air pollutants and diseases such as asthma, cardiovascular disorders and neurological disorders. It also brings out the psychological and socio-economic effects of the exposure to the contaminated environments. The authors put across the point that air pollution is a multidimensional issue in the field of community health that requires collaborative efforts to be taken in the form of policies. This article justifies the importance of good regulatory system since the air improvement directly influences the physical body health and quality of life.
15. **Kuldeep et al. (2022),** In their study titled "*Air quality decrement after lockdown in major cities of Rajasthan, India*" compared the quality of air in large cities in Rajasthan before and after the lockdowns related to COVID-19. It is found out that the air quality is temporarily positive due to the reduced industrial and vehicular activity during lockdowns. The pollution levels however decreased once more as the usual practices were brought back. The study shows the high role of the man-made sources in air pollution. It stresses on the importance of long-term regulation, as opposed to short-term bans. The research offers empirical data on the measures of assessing the success of the long-term air pollution control policies.
16. **Bagepally and Rakesh (2022),** in their study titled **"***Air pollution attributed disease burden and economic growth in India: estimating trends and inequality between states.***"** examine the relationship between the disease burden, economic growth, and air pollution in India. The paper notes that the health impacts of pollution differ significantly across the various states, and the negative impacts of pollution in terms of healthcare costs and reduced productivity are high. The paper stresses the economic price of air pollution and the need to implement successful regulatory measures. This work is relevant because it allows one to comprehend the overall socio-economic effects of air pollution and add to the argument in support of stricter environmental regulation.
17. **Khusfi et al. (2020)**, In their study titled "*Spatial and seasonal variations of sand-dust events and their relation to atmospheric conditions and vegetation cover in semi-arid*

regions of central Iran" examined spatial and seasonal distribution of the sand-dust events in the semi-arid regions of central Iran, in which the contribution of climatic factors and vegetation cover is taken into account. By use of statistical modelling, the study concludes that wind speed, precipitation and vegetation degradation play a significant role in the intensity and frequency of dust storms. The increasing wind velocity and a decrease in vegetation were established to be the greatest contributors of growing dust occurrences over time. The study shows that there is a close correlation between the environmental conditions and worsening of the air quality. It is particularly true in case of such areas as Rajasthan where arid weather conditions are also the cause of particulate emission and alterations in AQI.

18. **Sankar, Coggins and Goodkind(2020),** In their study titled "*Effectiveness of air pollution standards in reducing mortality in India, Resource and Energy Economics*" empirically assesses the efficacy of air pollution standards in India, how they relate to mortality rates. The research concludes that tighter standards lead to the quantifiable decrease in the number of deaths caused by pollution, though the results differ in different regions. The study highlights the need to not only formulate strong environmental standards but also to have them implemented. This research would be of great importance in evaluating the functionality of legal frameworks into practical health gains, especially when it comes to the issue of AQI improvements.
19. **Dadhich et al. (2018)**, In their study titled "*Assessment of spatio-temporal variations in air quality of Jaipur city, Rajasthan, India, The Egyptian Journal of Remote Sensing and Space Science*" investigate remote sensing and statistical examination of the spatial and time variations in air quality in Jaipur, Rajasthan. The paper reveals that there are strong seasonal variations in the pollution levels shaped by the urban activities and the weather conditions. It shows where pollution rates are always high and thus there is the need to intervene. The study highlights the increased air pollution issues in urban centres in Rajasthan. It is also especially helpful when it comes to regional analysis because it will give empirical data that may be used to evaluate the local regulatory performance and trends in AQI.
20. **Jamalpuria (2017)**, In his study titled "*Environmental regulatory efficacy in India: An inter-state comparison*" conducted the cross-state comparative assessment of the environmental regulation efficacy in India. The analysis shows that there are high differences on enforcement, institutional capacity, and policy outcomes among states. It establishes the quality of governance, efficiency in administration and political

commitment towards the success in regulation. The paper highlights that a stronger connection between environment performance is related to more successful institutions among states. This comparative perspective would be significant in clarifying the regional disparities and the perspective would also be of immense help in identifying the effectiveness of air pollution rules in the state of Rajasthan versus the rest.

21. **Cohen et al. (2017)**, In their study titled "*Estimates and 25-year trends of global burden of disease due to air pollution*" evaluated the global burden of disease associated with air pollution during 25 years. The research brings report that there is a great enhancement in the mortality and morbidity rates associated with the air pollution both outdoors and inside houses, especially in the developing world. It lists particulate matter as one of the leading contributors of cardiovascular and respiratory illnesses. The study highlights that, although there are certain regional gains, the total international exposure is large. The results highlight the importance of adopting and reinforcing environmental laws and health-related interventions by people as the urgent solution that offers a critical support through empirical evidence of the effectiveness of air quality control measures over the long term.
22. **Brauer et al. (2016),** In their study titled "*Ambient air pollution exposure estimation for the global burden of disease*." examined a high level of exposure in the developing countries, especially South Asia. The study can add to the knowledge of the magnitude and distribution of health risks of air pollution. It also establishes the role of sound data systems in the policymaking. The study is very essential to the research on AQI, because it promotes the empirical evaluation of the level of pollution exposure and its effects.
23. **Gulia et al (2015),** In their study titled "*Urban air quality management*" review the management of air quality in urban areas in terms of monitoring facilities, emission databases, and intervention measures. The research identifies poor data, poor enforcement, and the absence of coordination among agencies as some of the challenges. It promotes combined strategies that involve using technology, laws, and citizens. City-specific strategies are emphasized because of dissimilar sources of pollution and urban processes (the authors). The study is specifically applicable in the context of assessing the effectiveness of institutions because it outlines practical gaps in implementation that directly impact on the results of air quality in urban areas such as those found in Rajasthan.

24. **Apte et al. (2015),** In their study titled "*Ambient PM2.5 exposure and global health burden*" compares the exposure to fine particulate matter (PM2.5) and the health burden worldwide. Through sophisticated models, the research determines the exposure levels of populations (weighted) and attributes them to untimely deaths. It has shown that a great percentage of the global population has been subjected to unsafe levels of pollution and South Asia is the most hit. It emphasizes the necessity of specific emission reduction measures as well. The research is useful in terms of explaining the relationship between AQI indicators and actual health risks in polluted areas.
25. **Lelieveld et al.(2015),** In their study titled "*The contribution of outdoor air pollution sources to premature mortality*" discuss the health consequence of outdoor air pollution worldwide and estimate its role in premature mortality. The investigation, based on atmospheric modelling, determines the largest sources of pollution, residential energy consumption, industry, and agriculture. It concludes that one of the most significant environmental risks factors is air pollution, which causes millions of premature deaths every year. Its results are very pertinent towards determining the efficacy of air pollution regulations in lessening the dangers of poor health conditions related to low AQI levels.
26. **Greenstone & Hanna (2014),** in their study titled "*Environmental regulations, air and water pollution, and infant mortality in India*" evaluated the role of environmental laws in India empirically and conclude that laws resulted in a slight decrease of pollution and infant mortality. The paper emphasizes the fact that even the legal frameworks cannot work effectively without the powerful implementation mechanisms. It highlighted the importance of regulatory quality, monitoring and compliance incentives towards environmental outcomes. The work is important in assessing the impact of legal and institutional efficacy on air quality improvement, which can form the basis of exploring the same process in the state of Rajasthan.
27. **Rumana et al. (2014),** In their study titled "*A retrospective approach to assess human health risks associated with growing air pollution in urbanized area of Thar Desert, western Rajasthan, India*" evaluate the health dangers of intensifying air contamination in urban areas of the Thar Desert within the western Rajasthan. The study associates the higher pollution levels to respiratory and heart related conditions of the locals using the retrospective approach. It highlights the contribution of urbanization, car emissions, and desert dust to the worsening of the quality of air. The article demonstrates that people living in the arid regions are vulnerable and require region-based regulations.

This paper is significant to the localized influences on health effects of pollution in Rajasthan.

28. **Dueflo et al. (2013),** In their study titled "*Truth-telling by third-party auditors and the response of polluting firms*" examine environmental auditing in India, it is clear that the conventional audits previously failed because of a conflict of interest and feeble accountability. In a study, which utilized a randomized field experiment, the independent and transparent auditing was extremely effective in enhancing the emission reporting and adherence to the regulations. The results underscore the importance of the institutional design in environmental governance. Instead of merely placing emphasis on more stringent laws, the research proposes the idea of enhancing enforcement systems and minimizing corruption as the methods to boost the results. This fact is especially applicable when determining the efficiency of pollution control institutions in Rajasthan.
29. **Guttikunda and Goel (2013),** In their study titled "*Health impacts of particulate pollution in a megacity—Delhi*" discuss the health effects of particulate pollutants in Delhi and find PM2.5 to be a significant cause of premature mortality and respiratory infections. The paper then associates sources of pollution, including transport and industry, with serious consequences on the health of the people, through the use of scientific modelling. It underscores the weakness of the current regulatory measures in the control of fine particulate matter. The study highlights that specific, source-specific interventions and greater policy enforcement are required. Its results are essential in AQI-related assessments, which provides a scientific foundation to determine the direct impact of air pollution on the health outcomes in places such as Rajasthan.
30. **Zhang He and Hou (2012),** In their study titled "*Cleaning China's air*" identified the effectiveness of stricter emission regulations, the use of cleaner energy and better monitoring systems in decreasing the level of pollution. It lays stress on the power of effective governmental dedication and policy execution. The authors claim that the improvement has been achieved but the long-term air quality changes should be maintained through continuous efforts. This paper is a comparative experience that demonstrates that proactive regulatory measures can greatly improve the quality of the air, and these lessons are applicable to India and such states as Rajasthan.
31. **Gurjar et al. (2008),** In their study titled "*Evaluation of emissions and air quality in megacities*" assessed the air pollution in the largest megacities of the world with special regard to the sources of emissions, atmospheric mechanisms, and the policies that

respond to them. The paper has pointed out the high rate at which urbanization, industrialization, and the growth of vehicles are making the air quality to worsen. It singles out transport and energy industries as the most significant sources of pollution and focuses on the regional differences in emission patterns. The authors hold that effective management of air quality needs a combination of integrated tactics involving technological innovation, implementation of laws and urban planning. This article holds significance in comparative analysis, in that it locates Indian cities in a world of pollution issues and the governance reactions.

32. **Gupta et al.(2006),** In their study titled "*Satellite remote sensing of particulate matter and air quality*" discuss the application of the satellite remote sensing technology to monitor the level of particulate matter and air quality assessment. The paper illustrates the ability of satellite data to supplement ground-based surveillance to offer greater spatial coverage and uniform measurements. The study highlights the need to have quality information to govern the environment and ensure proper policy development. This research is especially applicable when it comes to empirical measures of air quality since it will justify the inclusion of technical software tools in the analysis of AQI patterns and the efficiency of the regulations.
33. **Pope and Dockery (2006),** in their study titled "*Health effects of fine particulate air pollution*" reviewed health effects of fine particulate matter (PM2.5) presented by the authors demonstrates a high correlation between lifetime exposure and severe health outcomes like cardiovascular and respiratory diseases. This research summarises epidemiological data in order to illustrate that particulate pollution at even low levels can be extremely fatal. It highlights that exposure to air has no safe amount and thus regulation of the quality of air is imperative. The work is very influential in regulating environmental criteria and it aids in the thesis that it is crucial to improve the AQI levels to safeguard the population health.
34. **Molina and Molina(2004),** In their study titled "*Improving air quality in megacities*" examined how the air quality of megacities can be enhanced and the interaction between research in the sciences, the policy frameworks, and the institutional coordination is considered. The researchers determine transportation, industry, and energy consumption as important sources of pollution and support the idea of integrated management strategies. It informs of necessity of technological breakthrough, tougher environmental regulations, and citizen involvement in environmental regulation. The authors suggest that successful management of air pollution needs both local and

international efforts. The work is critical due to the comprehension of how multifaceted regulatory and institutional measures can be used to tackle complicated air pollution in cities.

Case Laws:

1) **Anubhav Kumar v. Union of India**

   Citation: NGT Order dated 28 January, 2021

   This case involved air pollution caused by improper handling of cement at railway loading facilities. The NGT director authorities to implement measures such as the separation system and covered transport mechanism will stop the decision highlighted the responsibility of regulatory bodies to ensure that industrial and logical activities comply with environmental standards.

2) **Vardhaman Kaushik v. Union of India**

   Citation: NGT, Original Application No. 21 of 2014

   The NGT examine the alarming level of air pollution in Delhi and surrounding regions. The tribunal issued several directions aim that controlling pollution from construction activities emissions and waste burning. It also impose environmently compensation on polluters and required authorities to imposed sector pollution control measures.

3) **Murli S. Deora v. Union of India**

   Citation: (2001) 8 SCC 765

   The Supreme Court prohibited smoking in public places such as hospital, education institution, and public transport facilities. The court recognise the passes smoking poses serious health risk and contributes to indoor air pollution. By issuing this director the court expanded environmental protection to include the health impacts of tobacco smoke in public spaces.

4) **A.P. Pollution Control Board v. Prof. M.V. Nayudu**

   Citation: (1999) 2 SCC 718

   The Supreme Court highlighted the importance of scientific expert is environmental decision making. It observed that environmental disputes of an involve complex technical issues and their for require specialised institutions and expert knowledge. The judgement influence the development of specialized environmental HD catering mechanisms eventually leading to establishment of National green tribunal.

5) **M.C. Mehta v. Union of India**

   Citation: (1998) 6 SCC 63

In a continuation of ongoing litigation on air pollution in Delhi the supreme court director the conversion of cities public transport system to compressed natural gas CNG. The decision significantly reduce vehicular emissions and became a landmark step in urban pollution control this case demonstrate the judiciary is proactive role in shaping environmental policy when administrative mechanism prove insufficient.

6) **M.C. Meta v. Union**

Citation: (1997) 2 SCC 353

This case dealt with the deterioration of Taj Mahal caused by industrial emissions in the Taj Trapezium zone. The Supreme Court ordered several polluting industries to either adopt cleaner fuel such as natural gas or relocate. The court emphasized that economic development can't come at the cost of environmental degradation. The judgement reinforced the polluter pays principle and showed judiciary's willingness to intervene when regulatory authorities fail to control air pollution.

7) **Vellore Citizens Welfare Forum v. Union of India**

Citation: (1996) 5 SCC 647

In this case concerned industrial pollution the supreme court formally incorporated the precautionary principle and the polluted principle into Indian environmental Jurassic students will stop the court emphasize that industries must ensure that there activities do not have the environment or public health. All though the case primarily delt with water pollution the legal principles establish have been widely applied in air pollution cases as well.

8) **Indian Council for Enviro-Legal Action v. Union of India**

Citation: (1996) 3 SCC 212

The Supreme Court held that industries responsible for a mamminton damage must bear the financial burden of restoring the effected environment. The court strongly reaffirmed the polluter paste principle and imposed strict liability on polluting industry. This case trending enforcement of environmental laws and emphasized the accountability of industries for pollution control.

9) **M.C. Mehta v. Union of India**

Citation: (1991) 2 SCC 137

In this case, the Supreme Court address the growing problem of vehicular pollution in Delhi. The court director authorities to examine the impact of vehicle emissions and develop measures to reduce air pollution. These directions eventually lead to reforms such as structure emission standards and introduction to cleaner fuels. The case reflects

how judicial oversight can compel regulatory bodies to take concrete steps to improve urban air quality.

10) **Subhash Kumar v. State of Bihar**

Citation: AIR 1991 SC 420

The supreme court recognise that the right to enjoy pollution free air and water is part of fundamental right to life under article 21 of the constitution. All though the dispute initially concerned water pollution the principle lay down by the court has had broader implications for environmental protection including air quality regulation. The case is frequently cited in environment litigation and has trend then the constitutional basis for environmental rights in India.

3. RESEARCH GAPS:

1. Existing literature predominantly examines environmental laws doctrinally without evaluating their actual impact on air quality indicators (AQI).
2. There is a lack of empirical assessment linking legal enforcement with measurable environmental outcomes, particularly in the Indian context.
3. Prior studies focus either on scientific/technical aspects of air pollution or legal frameworks, but fail to adopt an interdisciplinary approach combining both.
4. There is insufficient analysis of the institutional performance of regulatory bodies such as CPCB and SPCBs in enforcing air pollution control laws.
5. Limited research exists on stakeholder perspectives (citizens, industries, regulators etc.) regarding the effectiveness and implementation challenges of environmental laws.
6. Region-specific empirical studies, particularly focusing on Rajasthan, are scarce despite its unique geographical and pollution characteristics (dust, urbanization, industrial clusters).

4. STATEMENT OF PROBLEM:

In India, air pollution is an emergency issue within both the environment and individual human health, and the current level of air pollution represented by high Air Quality Index (AQI) demonstrates that the air quality is declining in multiple regions. Although there is a fully organized legal and institutional framework, including statutory provisions, including The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and The Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, The National Green Tribunal Act, 2010, Rajasthan Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution)

Rules, 1983 and a set of regulatory bodies, including the Central and State Pollution Control Boards, the success of these mechanisms in bringing about concrete changes to the quality of the air remains debatable. The issue is applicable to the situation in Rajasthan, where the accelerating urbanization, industrialization, alongside the specificity of the geographical conditions, led to the increase in the pollution rates.

The major problem is that there are no major empirical studies that will provide a systematic analysis of effects of air pollution laws on the AQI in Rajasthan. Current literature has a tendency toward legal analysis or environmental statistics alone, leaving them having little integration between the regulatory framework and quantifiable environmental impact. Moreover, institutional performance is not adequately analysed, especially on the aspects of coordination, enforcement capability and accountability among the regulatory bodies.

The other major gap is the absence of empirical evidence based on stakeholders. The viewpoints of regulators, industries, and citizens, which are very important in the implementation and compliance of environmental laws, have not been well investigated. Also, the lack of comparative analysis with more successful states limits the description of the best practices that might reinforce the regulation strategy of Rajasthan.

Considering such gaps, the gap that requires filling in this research paper is that of a cohesive, empirical, and geographically specific assessment of the quality of air pollution regulations and control agencies in enhancing AQI in Rajasthan. The gap this paper aims to fill is the integration of legal study and empirical evidence to evaluate the results of regulations and enhance more efficient environmental management.

5. SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STUDY:

1. This study will continue to build the environmental law scholarship on the issue of Rajasthan.
2. It will give policy reforms with empirical support.
3. It will encourage regulators and policy makers to improve on enforcement strategies.
4. It will improve the perception of law-environment-society interaction.
5. It will offer recommendations on improving the levels of AQI.

6. RESEARCH OBJECTIVES:

1. To identify and analyze gaps, ambiguities and challenges in the existing constitutional and legal framework governing air pollution control in India.
2. To evaluate the effectiveness of air pollution rules in improving air quality using AQI and pollutant data (PM2.5, PM10, etc.). in Rajasthan.
3. To analyse the role and performance of regulatory institutions (CPCB & SPCBs) in enforcing air pollution laws and rules in Rajasthan.
4. To empirically examine perceptions stakeholders and concerned institutions regarding the implementation and effectiveness of air pollution control laws in study area.
5. To suggest policy and legal reforms for strengthening environmental governance.

7. RESEARCH QUESTIONS:

1. To what extent have legal provisions relating to air pollution contributed towards improving air quality (AQI levels)?
2. How effective are the rules of Rajasthan government towards improving air quality?
3. How effective are regulatory institutions in implementing and enforcing air pollution laws?
4. What are the major challenges and limitations encountered by stakeholders and government functionaries in the effective implementation of air pollution control laws?
5. What reforms are required to enhance the effectiveness of environmental laws and institutions?

8. HYPOTHESES:

H1: Environmental laws relating to air pollution control in India are adequate but marred in their implementation, resulting in limited improvement in air quality levels (AQI).

H2: The effectiveness of air pollution control laws is significantly influenced by stakeholder participation, compliance levels, and region-specific factors, particularly in states like Rajasthan.

9. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY:

Research Design:

The current work will be based on the mixed-method research design that combines the doctrinal (qualitative) with the empirical (quantitative and qualitative) methods. This design is especially appropriate in the environmental law studies as it allows conducting a thorough assessment of the correlation between the legal frameworks and quantifiable environmental indicators, including the Air Quality Index (AQI). It is well known that mixed-method methods can help in improving validity through triangulation of legal analysis and actual data.

The research uses a doctrinal research methodology to analyse the legal framework of air pollution control in India. This entails critical analysis of:

- The Constitution of India (Article 21, Article 48A and Article 51A(g));
- Statutory laws e.g. Air(Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986; National Green Tribunal Act, 2010 Rajasthan Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Rules, 1983;
- Judicial Rulings of the Supreme Court and the National Green tribunal and
- National policies like the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP).

The doctrinal method uses secondary sources, such as books, peer-reviewed journal articles, law reports and government publications. As a supplement to the doctrinal analysis, the paper includes the element of the empirical research to evaluate the effectiveness of the air pollution laws in the real world.

Sample of the Study:

1. The sampling strategy used will be purposive and stratified sampling method to make sure that different groups of stakeholders have been represented. This will also ensure that both the regulators and the affected populations are included.
2. The sample areas will be Jaipur, Kota, Bhiwadi, and Alwar.
3. The sample size will be 500 from different stakeholders.

Data Collection:

The data collection sources will be:

a. Primary Data - It will be gathered in the form of : questionnaires and interviews in which the target respondents includes: Regulatory officials, Environmental experts and academicians, industry representatives, registered PUC authorities, representative of NGO working for environment, Air laboratories and urban residents for qualitative insights, and government data sources such as CPCB/SPCB reports for AQI data.
b. Secondary data- It will be gathered on AQI and concentrations of pollutants(PM2.5,PM10,SO_2,NO_2,CO,O_3,NH_3): The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board (RSPCB), Nationally-monitored Air Quality Programme, Published databases, research articles, books and case studies.

The study will employ the observation method to collect data from air quality monitoring machines, ensuring accurate and real-time measurement of air pollution levels.

Data Analysis:

Data analysis will be conducted using both quantitative and qualitative methods. SPSS will be used for organizing and analyzing quantitative data collected through questionnaires and government sources. Descriptive statistics such as mean, median, and mode will be applied to summarize the data and identify key trends.

Secondary data from government reports (e.g., CPCB/SPCB for AQI) will also be utilized. Qualitative data obtained through interviews will be analyzed using thematic analysis to identify patterns and insights.

10. SCOPE OF THE STUDY:

1. The proposed study aims at analytical and empirical analysis of air pollution laws and regulation agencies in India and specifically in Rajasthan.
2. It discusses the legislative framework of air pollution, the provisions of the constitutions, the statutory laws, the judicial involvements and the policy efforts like the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP).
3. AQI trends and the key pollutants (PM2.5, PM10, SO_2, NO_2, CO, O_3, NH_3) in the selected urban centres of the state of Rajasthan including Jaipur, Alwar, Bhiwadi, Kota will be analysed.

4. It also measures the efficiency of the regulatory bodies, especially, the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) and the Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board (RSPCB) in enforcement and monitoring.
5. The research makes use of the empirical data analysis based on the AQI data sets during a specific time to determine trends, patterns, and policy influence.
6. It entails stakeholder informed ideas by gathering primary data on regulators, industry representatives, environmental specialists and citizens.
7. A comparative analysis of Rajasthan with some better-performing states (e.g., Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka) is conducted to determine best practices.
8. The study examines the implementation issues, such as institutional coordination, compliance, and enforcement loopholes.
9. It seeks to recommend the changes in legal and institutional settings to enhance the results of environmental governance and air quality.
10. The study is an interdisciplinary study, as it combines environmental law, policy analysis and empirical environmental data.

11. LIMITATIONS OF THE STUDY:

1. The research is also geographically narrowed to the state of Rajasthan, which can limit the applicability of the results to other states or areas.
2. Primary data (interviews and questionnaires) can be biased by the responses or inaccessibility of major stakeholders.
3. The authors of the study concentrate on selected urban centres, and thus the study might not be able to completely describe rural or remote air pollution dynamics.
4. The research might not be a longitudinal one due to the time and resource limitations beyond the specified study time.
5. The comparative analysis is also confined to several selected states, which might not be the typical control models in India.
6. The study mainly examines legal, judicial and institutional mechanisms, while technological solutions and external environmental factors influencing AQI remain beyond its scope.

12. EXPECTED OUTCOMES OF THE RESEARCH:

1. Comprehensive evaluation of Environmental Laws: The study is expected to provide a critical evaluation of the constitutional provisions, statutory laws, and judicial interventions relating to air pollution control in India.

2. Empirical assessment of law and environment relationship: The research will establish an empirical relationship between the implementation of environmental laws and actual environment all outcome by analysing AQI trends and pollutant data in the selected city of Rajasthan.

3. Assessment of institutional effectiveness: The study is expected to evaluate the performance of regulator institutions such as the central pollution control board and Rajasthan state pollution control board in enforcing air pollution control laws and policy.

4. Identification of implementation gaps: The research will identify major institutional, procedural and enforcement gaps that hinder the effective implementation of environmental regulations and contribute to persistent air pollution levels.

5. Comparative insights and best practices: The study will identify best practices by comparing Rajasthan's regulatory performance with selected better performing States thereby providing lessons for improving environmental governance.

6. Policy and legal reform recommendations: The research is expected to generate evidence based recommendations for strengthening legal framework, improving institutional coordination and enhancing enforcement.

13. RESEARCH TIMELINE:

S.NO.	Research Phase	Activities	Time period
1.	Background Study & Literature Review	Extensive review of books, journals, articles, and case laws related to the research topic. Identification of research gap and refinement of research objectives.	April , 2026

2.	Research Design & Methodology	Finalization of research methodology, preparation of research tools such as questionnaires/interview schedules, and approval from supervisor	December, 2026
3.	Data Collection	Collection of primary and secondary data through surveys, interviews, case studies, reports, and legal documents	July, 2027
4.	Data Analysis & Interpretation	Systematic analysis and interpretation of collected data using qualitative and quantitative methods**.**	December , 2027
5.	Drafting of Chapters	Preparation of research chapters including introduction, literature review, methodology, analysis, and findings**.**	March , 2028
6.	Review & Finalization	Revision of thesis based on supervisor's suggestions and incorporation of corrections	July , 2028

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